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During the late State Convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Union, held in Seattle, Wash., every hospitable home was, of course, willing to shelter and help entertain the numerous delegates. Among those who thus offered the hospitality of their homes was a gentleman having an elegant home on Beacon Hill, who, for the want of a better name and for the purpose of the story, will be called Black, White, or any other color.

In assigning the delegates, the committee came across the Beacon Hill name, and trusting to fate that no offense would be given, five Siwash, from the Puyallup reservation, who were among the delegates, were sent to that address. When the tribe arrived with their paraphernalia there was no conversation in the household, but the good people took them in with true Christian spirit. The Indians were ushered across the threshold, and they stalked along in true aboriginal style, one after the other, until the first parlor was reached, where the floors were ingraining of polished wood, smooth as glass. When one of the women, who was in the lead, set her foot on the smooth, polished floor, her feet flew out from under her and she went down with a thud. The other four, two squaws and two men, immediately took warning and refused to budge. They stood as if glued to the spot, and their rigid, stoic figures took on the appearance of tobacco signs.

After that the Indians could not be coaxed into the house—except for dinner—and they spent the time for the next few days squatting under the trees, holding councils of war. It is also related that at night they were so afraid of these smooth floors that they would enter the house on their hands and knees. They were happy when the convention closed, for they were of the firm conviction that an attempt had been made to maim and injure them—that they were victims of a deep laid conspiracy.

An Underground City.

The Russians have made a singular discovery in Central Asia in the Turkestan, on the right bank of the Amou Daria, is a chain of rocky hills near the Bokharan town of Karki, and a number of large caves which, upon examination, were found to lead to an underground city, built apparently long before the Christian era. According to effigies, inscriptions and designs upon the gold and silver money unearthed from among the ruins, the existence of the town dates back to some two centuries B. C. The underground Bokharan city is about two versts long, and is composed of an enormous labyrinth of corridors, streets and squares, surrounded by houses and other buildings two or three stories high. The edifices contain all kinds of domestic utensils, pots, urns, vases, and so forth. In some of the streets falls of earth and rock have obstructed the passages, but, generally, the visitor can walk about freely without so much as lowering his head. The high degree of civilization attained by the inhabitants of the city is shown by the fact that they built in several stories, by the symmetry of the streets and squares, and by the beauty of the baked clay and metal utensils, and of the ornaments and coins which have been found. It is supposed that long centuries ago this city, so carefully concealed in the bowels of the earth, provided an entire population with a refuge from the incursions of nomadic savages and robbers.

Influence of Imagination.

A Milwaukee merchant, in company with a friend, stopped at a country inn one hot summer evening. Being fatigued from the day's journey, they at once retired. But they could not sleep, and finally the friend of the merchant suggested that the window be opened, as he could not sleep unless there was better ventilation. The merchant groined around in the dark, and at last found a window, which seemed riveted to the frame. His friend told him to smash it, as he would pay the damages. Having done so, they at once passed off into dream-land and slept finely in the breeze which appeared to be wafted through the opening. When they woke up in the morning they found that they had smashed the door of a bookcase instead of the window.

Discovered a Lost Art.

A Pittsburg special says that George Cromley, Cornelius Shays and John Ryan, iron and steel workers, have discovered the lost art of welding copper to iron or steel. They show several samples of the metals perfectly welded. The last report history gives of these metals having been welded was in 500 B. C. The value of the discovery consists in the fact that copper offers greater resistance to the action of salt water than any other metal. The Carnegie Company has offered the men a fixed price for the secret. A shop has been fitted up for the men at the Homestead plant, where the men propose to weld a plate of copper into an ingot of nickel steel armor plate. The Carnegie Company hopes to be able to cover all the armor plates for the big battleships with copper.

A Surprised Fisherman.

A Massachusetts sport, fishing for trout in Steubens River, Maine, met with a surprise the other day. Instead of getting a bite he was startled by the roar of a bull. On looking around he saw the bull coming at him full speed. There was no time to be lost so he quickly removed his rubber boots, took them under his arm and forded the river. On reaching the other side he encountered a huge bear that had been awakened by the terrible roar of the bull. After a severe struggle with the bear, he succeeded in making his escape minus one boot, which he threw at the bear. The next day the sport with a company of armed men went to hunt for him and the lost boot. After hunting a few hours they succeeded in finding the boot, but bruin was nowhere to be found.